

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0001] beginning at page 1, line 3, and continuing to page 1, line 10, as follows:

This application is related to the following simultaneously-filed United States Patent applications: United States Patent Application 10/815,975____,____ (attorney docket: ~~4209-37~~) entitled “Piezoelectric Devices and Methods and Circuits for Driving Same”; United States Patent Application 10/815,999____,____ (attorney docket: ~~4209-41~~) entitled “Piezoelectric Devices and Methods and Circuits for Driving Same”; and, United States Patent Application 10/815,978____,____ (attorney docket: ~~4209-46~~) entitled “Piezoelectric Devices and Methods and Circuits for Driving Same”; all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4, and continuing to page 2, line 15, as follows:

An example of a reasonably effective drive circuit for driving piezoelectric elements used as pump actuators is disclosed in United States Patent Application 10/380,547 and United States Patent Application 10/380,589 (both filed March 17, 2003, both entitled “Piezoelectric Actuator and Pump Using Same”, and both incorporated by reference herein in their entirety). That drive circuit comprises a EL lamp driver circuit which was originally designed to drive electro-luminescent (EL) lamps, but which has now ingeniously been employed in the referenced documents for driving piezoelectric pumps. The EL lamp driver circuit is a high-powered, switch-mode integrated circuit (IC) inverter intended for backlighting color LCDs and automotive applications. The specially designed EL lamp driver IC and a few components such as a discharge circuit comprise a complete EL lamp driving circuit.